

TONTO National Forest



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Guide

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HIKING AND TRAIL RIDING

COTTONWOOD TRAIL 120

RANGER DISTRICT

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North end: Frazier TH: From Roosevelt Dam, take State Highway 188 for 2 miles east to Forest Road (FR) 173. This road is on the south side of highway and just west of a power substation.

South End: Forest Road 83: From Roosevelt Dam, take State Highway 88 southeast approximately 6 miles. Turn right (southwest) onto FR 83 and drive approximately 3.3 miles to the trail connection. The trail begins on the north side of the road.

TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail use: Light

Trail difficulty: Easiest

Trail length: 4.5 miles

Season of Use: All year

USGS maps: Theodore Roosevelt Dam, Pinyon Mtn., and Two Bar Mtn.

Elevation: Highest: 3800 feet,
Lowest: 2200 feet

TRAIL NARRATIVE

From the Frazier Trailhead, the trail meanders over low ridges and through drainages until it drops into Cottonwood Canyon. Then it goes up the canyon and junctions with FR 341 that serves as the trail. Turn left onto FR 341 and travel south for approximately 1.5 miles. The trail takes off from the road to the south and continues to follow Cottonwood Canyon. After approximately 3 miles, the trail reaches the southern terminus at FR 83.

ATTRACTIONS

- Trail offers easy access to Sonoran Desert vegetation and cottonwood-willow riparian vegetation.
- Trail connects with Thompson Trail 121 and Cemetery Trail 255.
- The upper segment of this trail is part of the Arizona Trail.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Closed to all motor vehicles
- Carry an adequate supply of drinking water. One gallon/per person/per day is recommended during hot periods.
- At the lower elevations, temperatures can exceed 110°F in summer.
- Help keep your trails clean: **If you PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**
- 4-Wheel-drive recommended on FR 83.

